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Indiana Celebrates Volunteerism, Honors Five Organizations

One of the goals of the three-year *Unified State Plan for Service (USP)* is to *increase opportunities for Hoosiers of all ages and backgrounds to serve in their local communities*. Through a partnership with the Indiana Association of Volunteer Centers (IAVC) and the Indiana Association of United Ways (IAUW), the ICCSV hosted the first annual *Celebrate Volunteerism* event on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 in the State House Rotunda. The day began with a networking breakfast with state legislators sponsored by the IAVC. Participants spoke to legislators about the importance of volunteerism to local communities. Later that morning at a ceremony, five organizations were honored with the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteerism – Eli Lilly and Company (Business/Industry), Engineering Program for Community Service (EPICS) at Purdue University (Educational Institution), Lutheran Child-Family Services (Faith-Based), Henry County United Fund (United Way), and Volunteer Action Center of Bartholomew County (Volunteer Center). Members of the General Assembly joined First Lady Judy O'Bannon, who served as the keynote speaker. Mrs. O'Bannon presented a proclamation on behalf of the Governor and Representative Sheila Klinker and Senator Murray Clark shared a Resolution honoring volunteers. The event concluded with a *Public Discussion on Volunteerism*.

Peace Learning Center and the ICCSV Partner to Celebrate Dr. King's Legacy Remember the Man, Celebrate the Cause, Act for Change was the theme of the 2003 MLK Day Celebration sponsored by the Peace Learning Center in partnership with the ICCSV, the Murat Centre, and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Two hundred (200) youth and adults participated in daylong arts and educational workshops ranging from drumming and poetry to peace and respect for diversity. Later that afternoon, over 600 individuals attended a public celebration to honor the life of Dr. King. Several public officials from Indianapolis addressed the audience and several children and adult performers provided entertainment. Workshop participants shared their spoken-word and visual art inspired by Dr. King's life and cause.

ASC January Board Meeting

Joe Smith, a board member of the America's Service Commissions (ASC) returned from the quarterly meeting held in Washington D.C. Among the many topics covered, the most exciting measure was the introduction of the new ASC Web Page. A grant from Kellogg allows us to improve upon the web site. There are several other key things we need to watch as we await the passing of 03' budget. Ideas were sought as to how States can offer assistance to CNCS as we work through the "PAUSE". Plans are being drawn up for the annual meeting to be held in Baltimore on June 7 and 8, 2003. See the web site for more details and all other updates. www.Asc-online.org

Strengthening National Service in Indiana - 2003 Winter Retreat

The Indiana AmeriCorps Directors Association (IADA) and the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program (RSVP) Association joined forces to welcome national service participants from across the State of Indiana to Bloomington. The group welcomed over 200 participants on behalf of the AmeriCorps members, VISTAs, RSVPs, Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents, and Promise Fellows programs to Bloomington to motivate and rejuvenate. The event included service projects from building bird houses for blue birds to coordinating activities for youth at the local Boys and Girls Club. The keynote speaker for the event was William Lewis, Sr., MSW, Director of Diversity Initiatives at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. Mr. Lewis delivered a motivating speech on service and the value of diversity in our programs and communities. Stay tuned for information about the next national service event scheduled for June 2003 which promises to be an even stronger expression of cross stream energies!

Free CD-ROM of ADA Materials

The U.S. Department of Justice has made available a free CD-ROM containing a complete collection of the Department's ADA materials: including regulations, architectural design standards, and technical assistance publications. To order the CD-ROM, please visit the website at www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adatacd1.htm or contact the ADA Information Hotline at (800) 514-0301 (voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TTY).

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism challenges the people of Indiana to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. We identify and mobilize resources, promote an ethic of service, and develop in communities the capacity to solve problems and improve the quality of life for all individuals and families.

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Review Team Scores and Ranks AmeriCorps Applications for 2003/2004 Funding
The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism staff hosted 16 peer reviewers including Commission Board members from across the state to participate in the 2003/2004 AmeriCorps State Grant Review process. The ICCSV made significant improvements to the grant review process for 2003/2004 as a result of strong leadership from the Program Committee and Commissioner Thomson's numerous revisions to the review tool. Thanks to all the great efforts of the reviewers and staff – the process was a great success this year! The board will be voting on the ranking of the proposals at the February 13th board meeting. The ICCSV looks forward to even better participation from among the board members for the 2004/2005 grant review – stay tuned as the effort to continuously improve leads to an even better process!

2003 Indiana Service Learning Conference

The annual Indiana Service-Learning Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 20, 2003. Conference information and registration form can be found on the web at www.serve.indiana.edu. AmeriCorps members may attend the event at the student rate! For more information call 812-856-0528 or e-mail clpadmin@indiana.edu.

Citizen Corps Funding Available

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV) announces the availability of funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support existing or new local Citizen Corps Councils within the State of Indiana that bring together the appropriate leadership in a community to focus on engaging citizens in homeland security and for promoting community preparedness and family safety to include managing existing volunteer resources, leveraging mutually supportive endeavors among the represented groups, and directing the overall local plans to implement Citizen Corps in the community. Any local government within the State of Indiana may apply for the Citizen Corps Council funding. The deadline is February 21, 2003. It is one hundred percent (100%) federal funding for all grantees. The Request for Proposal is available on our website at www.IN.gov/iccsv.

4th Annual Day of Reflection

Holy Cross Associates will be hosting the 4th Annual Day of Reflection featuring Dr. John Dunne, CSC for "Journey of the Heart" Saturday, February 22, 2003 in Notre Dame, Indiana. For additional information on the day's events and activities, please visit the Holy Cross Associates website at <http://holycrossassociates.nd.edu>. Please RSVP by February 18th by calling (574) 631-9930 or emailing rgo@nd.edu.

2nd Annual Student Service Learning Conference

Indiana Campus Compact will be hosting the 2nd Annual Student Service Learning Conference on April 11, 2003. from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm at the Ball State University Student Center. Students, Faculty, Higher Education Staff, and Community Partners are invited to attend. Presentation and poster session proposals are due February 14th, and the conference registration deadline is March 21st. For more information on the event, please visit the Indiana Campus Compact website at <http://www.indianacampuscompact.org/>.

Lights, Camera, Action: *Communities Building Communities*

Indiana 2016 is pleased to announce that beginning in March, WFYI will be airing an original 13-part series, *Communities Building Communities*. Each week the program will focus on the amazing ways Hoosiers are working together in order to improve their communities. First Lady Judy O'Bannon will serve as both host and field correspondent for the show. This series was made possible through the dedication and vision of the Indiana Grantmakers Alliance, Indiana Community Foundations, the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, and WFYI. We're still collecting story ideas and Shea Fletcher would love to hear from you via email at sfletcher@gov.state.in.us. Check out the latest edition of the e-newsletter at www.indiana2016.org!

Tip of the Month

The *Not-for-Profit News*, an Indianapolis-based newsletter published by Charitable Advisors LLC, is an excellent resource for news, workshops, funding sources, free office supplies, career opportunities, and more. To subscribe, log-on to www.charitableadvisorsllc.com.

Positive and encouraging reflection articles from national service participants and initiatives can be sent to the ICCSV for possible inclusion in a future issue. AmeriCorps Programs and service partners may contribute information on upcoming events to be included in the publication by contacting the ICCSV by electronic mail at iccsv@state.in.us.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

2003 Winter Retreat	February 5 – 6, 2003
ICCSV Board of Commissioners Meeting	February 13, 2003
Indiana Service-Learning Conference	February 20, 2003
Citizen Corps Council Applications Due to the ICCSV	February 21, 2003

Available Now! Indiana Volunteers License Plates (for front of vehicle) are available for purchase. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at the ICCSV at iccsv@state.in.us.

Reminder! Please send us your personal accounts for the reflection portion of the Friday Night Fax! We want to share your stories with other participants across the state!